

Flight 111 pain lingers

Few safety changes made
10 years after crash: Board

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Anger is audible in Lyn Romano's voice as she explains that a decade after her husband was killed in the crash of Swissair Flight 111, she hasn't gotten over the pain.

"It doesn't matter, 10 years, 20 years, it's raw; it's very raw," she says in a phone interview from her Westchester, N.Y., home.

Today marks the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 2, 1998, crash of the passenger jetliner carrying 229 people from New York City to Geneva, Switzerland.

The McDonnell-Douglas MD-11 slammed into the ocean off the coast of Nova Scotia — about 53 minutes into the flight — after an on-board fire blazed out of control, causing a succession of system failures. The force of the crash into the Atlantic Ocean near Peggy's Cove caused it to shatter into millions of tiny pieces and only one body was recovered, somewhat intact; the rest were decimated.

The devastating crash resulted in a number of safety improvements in the aviation industry.

But the Transportation and Safety Board of Canada — and the wife of Ray Romano, seat 19C — maintain it's not enough.

In March 2003, the Transportation and Safety Board of Canada released a final

Human toll

• All 215 passengers and 14 crew members were killed on impact when Swissair Flight 111 crashed off the coast of Nova Scotia on Sept. 2, 1998.

report on the investigation into the crash which listed 23 recommendations for regulators of the industry.

Jonathan Seymour, a member of the Transportation Safety Board of Canada, says only six of the recommendations have been rated "fully satisfactory."

"Some of these issues have gotten bogged down in bureaucratic processes and others, frankly, have been rejected," he said.

But he also said as a consequence of Swissair, air travel is safer — the investigation led to substantial improvements in the industry.

Most companies, for example, have removed metalized polyethylene terephthalate (MPET) insulation material that was tested and certified according to flammability standards at the time the plane was built, but in the end, fed the fire on Flight 111.

In its investigation report the board concluded that MPET is not as low-flammability as originally believed.

Maryse Durette, spokeswoman for Transport Canada, the regulating body for Canada's aviation industry, said in Canada, the recommendation to have MPET re-



A Swiss flag is placed at the Swissair Flight 111 Memorial in Peggy's Cove, N.S., yesterday. Flight 111 crashed off the coast of Nova Scotia on Sept. 2, 1998, killing 229 people.

moved is fully satisfied.

But not all airplanes in service in Canada are built in Canada, she said.

"We can impose building codes or building requirements for planes being built in Canada, unfortunately

we cannot go to the United States and impose things on them," she said.

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Man dies after assault on sidewalk

CHARGES Police have charged a Dartmouth man in connection with a homicide following a sidewalk fight on Portland Street early Sunday morning.

Halifax Regional Police and the RCMP charged David Ambrose Long, 51, with manslaughter in relation to the death of 44-year-old Scott Geoffery Hanlon.

Shortly after 2 a.m. Sunday, Halifax Regional Police responded to a 9-1-1 call reporting an assault on a sidewalk in the 100-block of Portland Street.

Police spokesperson Sean Auld said a number of people witnessed the assault.

"Around 2 a.m. (witnesses) heard screaming between two male parties as they walked up Portland Street, at which time one of the males assaulted the other," Auld said.

Police found Hanlon unconscious on the sidewalk. He was rushed to hospital and died shortly after.

Auld said police won't know if alcohol was a factor until the autopsy is complete. Auld also said the men knew each other.

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Small businesses fed up with taxes

SURVEY Eight-five per cent of Nova Scotian small businesses are tired of taxes, according to a recent survey of 860 local businesses.

Nova Scotia has the third-highest fuel tax in Canada, the third-highest small business tax rate and the third-lowest basic personal exemption.

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Farmers' crops a wash out

Hoping for help for farmers, Agriculture Minister Brooke Taylor and MLA Keith Bain travelled to Ottawa on the weekend. They want the feds to offer a disaster relief program for farmers dealing with 50 to 60 per cent crop losses because of heavy rains.

METRO HALIFAX**News in brief**

STABBING A conversation turned ugly Saturday, leaving a man stabbed in the chest. The 23-year-old victim was walking in the Wyse Road and Elmwood Avenue area at 5 a.m. when a woman struck up a conversation with him. They talked and then she turned and walked away. When the victim turned away, he was stabbed in the chest by a man. The suspect and the woman took off while the victim ran in the opposite direction. He was treated for a minor chest wound.

DEATH Police investigated a sudden death Sunday. A 57-year-old man died in a Ridge Valley Road residence in Halifax. The cause of death was not immediately apparent, so the scene was held by police until yesterday afternoon. A police spokesperson said yesterday he didn't expect the case to be a matter for police.

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Labour Day message calls for employment equity

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Halifax workers united yesterday for a day of parades and political activism to celebrate Labour Day and raise awareness of the income gap between men and women.

More than a hundred workers, many adorned in union-branded ponchos and T-shirts, braved the chilly fog to support the fight for better labour standards.

"The weather may dampen our feet, but it sure doesn't dampen our spirit or resolve to make a difference," said Rick Clarke, president of the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour.

After an hour-long march downtown, the parade gathered at the Halifax Common.

While the children enjoyed barbecued hotdogs, cotton candy and balloon animals, adults listened to labour leaders fight for the right of women to earn an equal wage.

The 2006 census reveals the average Canadian woman earning 85 cents for every dollar earned by a man — a disparity unchanged since the last census.

Each of the five speak-



A union supporter bypasses the hot dog lineup at the Halifax Common during yesterday's Labour Day celebrations.

ers at the Common urged the audience to work together in solidarity to make a difference.

"There is huge might and muscle in the corporate elite," said MP Alexa McDonough. "Those who are getting richer and richer don't have any interest in the national campaign (for women's equality)."

The looming federal election was a hot topic of discussion and many of the audience members waved NDP signs in support of their leaders.

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Alexa McDonough

NDP leader Darrell Dexter, introduced as "a great friend of the working class people," called on the crowd to hold politicians accountable for ensuring the rights of Nova Scotian workers are upheld.

Clarke bashed a government-sanctioned decision by Capital Health to re-

new a four-year contract for private healthcare workers estimated at \$30 million.

"It tells me recruitment and retention is a major concern in cutting down on wait lines ... and it tells me they really don't know how to deal with this," Clarke said.

Teacher awaits sentence for sexual assault

CHARGES A former Clayton Park junior high teacher has admitted to sexually assaulting boys before he started working for the Halifax Regional School Board. Scott Gordon Comeau pled guilty last week to sexually assaulting two young boys in Halifax between 1991 and 1994.

Board spokesman Doug Hadley says Comeau resigned from his job as a Grade 7 teacher at Park West earlier this month. He had been receiving paid leave from the board. "Even though there had not been any evidence any of these charges had related to his work with the board, we were concerned the charges themselves would have an impact on his or other schools' ability to focus on education," Hadley said.

Thirty-nine-year-old Comeau started working for the school board in 1996. He had taught at Park West for five years, as well as Highland Park Junior High in north-end Halifax and Clayton Park Junior High.

Comeau also faced sex charges in the early 1990s, but one charge was dismissed and the other was withdrawn.

Hadley said the board relies on criminal background checks to screen new teachers. But if someone has only faced a charge, the record comes back clean.

Comeau will be sentenced Nov. 25.

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Online service to aid families with health care: Province

INVESTMENT A \$1-million health care investment by the province will allow Nova Scotians to manage their families' health online.

The province announced Friday an equity investment in Connecting People for Health, a business co-operative that offers a secure web-based service for managing health care.

Subscribers can access online referrals, test re-

sults and medical records, as well as peer support groups and frequently asked health questions.

A monthly subscription runs about \$9 for individuals and \$13 for families.

"This innovative approach to self-managed health will contribute to healthy communities across our province," said Economic Development Minister Angus MacIsaac.

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News in brief

OVERNIGHTS Compared to last year, the number of tourists visiting Nova Scotia is down about three per cent, but the number of room nights sold was up about the same amount. With out-of-province visits down but room nights up, it's possible some visitors are staying longer, said the tourism department's Tina Thibreau. However, she added, it's more likely that Nova Scotians staying in overnight accommodations added to the seasonal numbers. "That's what we have been hearing from industry," she said.

PICKERS NEEDED Blueberry Acres in Sheffield Mills is experiencing the most bountiful crop in its 17 years of operation, but a lot more pickers are needed to get the berries from the fields. Nova Agri President and CEO Earl Kidston said last Wednesday afternoon he had between 250 and 300 people picking in Sheffield Mills and there was a lot more ground to cover in Medford, where they have more high-bush blueberry fields. "We could use another 150 people for the blueberry crop. It's the best crop we've had in 17 years and it's the best picking." **METRO HALIFAX**



Allan Boyle of Halifax blow dries the coat of his three-year-old Old English Sheepdog Isaac at the Halifax Kennel Club's All Breed Championship Dog Show yesterday at Exhibition Park in Halifax.

Man's best friend struts it in style

PHILIP CROUCHER
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"It takes three to four hours, minimum. You just try to get its coat looking its absolute best."

Allan Boyle

The life of a dog can be tough sometimes.

Take three-year-old Isaac, an Old English Sheepdog, for example.

In preparation for competition yesterday at the Halifax Kennel Club's All Breed Championship Dog Show at Exhibition Park in Halifax, Isaac had to sit perfectly still and receive a lengthy pampering session so he'd look his best.

Isaac enjoyed all the fixings too — trim, blow dry, and brush. And for good measure, what looked to be a moisturizer was spread throughout his size-

able coat.

"It takes three to four hours, minimum," Isaac's owner, Allan Boyle of Halifax, said of the preparation work. "You just try to get its coat looking its absolute best."

There were plenty of pooches looking good yesterday as the final day of the three-day show came to a close. Throughout the large back room at Exhibition Park, dogs were either in competition, waiting in

line for competition, or getting personally groomed to compete.

The weekend's event was the 250th show held by Halifax Kennel Club and had a record of 550-plus four-legged competitors.

"It's a business to some, a sport to others," said Mark Grant, the show's superintendent. "There are people who make a living showing dogs."

There were over 100 dif-

ferent breeds taking part in various categories. And for every dog in the show, there was a handler, all of whom were focused on the job at hand.

"People are pretty serious (about this)," said 15-year-old Halifax resident Kimberly Marling, who is the top junior handler in Nova Scotia. "I like dogs, so it's a good thing to get into."

And going against what one might think, the decibel level was low in the room. Other than a few smaller dogs, barking was at a minimum.

"This is probably (even) a little louder than normal," Boyle proclaimed. "It's usually even a little quieter."

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Regional school board seeks nominees

EDUCATION The period for filing nomination papers to run for the Halifax Regional School Board starts today and runs through to Sept. 9.

The man in charge of the board urges members of the public with an interest in education to consider putting their name on a ballot for the October 18 election.

"The measure of any public institution is the quality of its leadership. There is a direct link between decisions made at the board table and student achievement," Howard Windsor said.

The board has prepared the discussion paper, Good Governance: October 2008 and Beyond, for the public to learn how an elected

board can effectively oversee the work of the school board.

The school board is divided into eight districts, with one representative from each, and an African Nova Scotian member serving at large.

For more information visit the school board website at www.hrsb.ns.ca.

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Digby ex-councillor, businessman dies

PEOPLE Peter Von Pössel, a former town councillor and Digby businessman, has died in hospital in Halifax. He was a past owner of the Kingfisher Motel and served four years on council, the Digby Recreation Commission and the town's water commission. Von Pössel came to Canada in 1956 and worked as a marine draftsman. He died Aug. 22. **METRO HALIFAX**

Labour Day regatta held by rain

Boats hoping to race in the Labour Day Regatta were turned away by rain on Sunday. About 50 yachts were expected to participate in the weekend race through the Bedford Basin. They started the race earlier yesterday to make up for Sunday's delay. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Police step up patrols

Complaints create higher presence in universities

Halifax police are scaling up patrols in an effort to reduce noise complaints, property damage and drunkenness that have historically marked the rowdy student party scene.

Operation Fall-Back is a campaign created several years ago in response to complaints from citizens in residential neighbourhoods surrounding Halifax's universities.

Police will collaborate

with students, university officials and community groups to increase high-visibility patrols and limit problems in known complaint areas throughout the month of September.

Police will then provide a cruiser — with Dalhousie covering the staffing costs — for two officers to patrol Dal and King's campuses during peak times throughout the year.

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Woman dies after crash

HIGHWAY The 22-year-old driver who hydroplaned on Highway 102 Wednesday died of her injuries in hospital on Thursday.

The Lower Sackville woman was driving in heavy rain at around 10:15 a.m. Her Honda Civic hydroplaned and swerved across two lanes of traffic

before flipping and landing on its wheels.

Traffic was reduced to one lane as rescuers tried to save the woman. The jaws of life were required to free her from her vehicle.

Police have not yet released the woman's name.

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Country **Standing on Common ground**



Gretchen Wilson performs at the Country Rocks show on the Halifax Common on Saturday night. Wilson, along with Jimmy Rankin, Great Big Sea and headliner Keith Urban, performed for over 30,000 country fans. **More Commons coverage, P. 15.**

News in brief

ALCOHOL An alleged drunk driver cut out power to a section of Pleasant Street in Dartmouth on Thursday night. At around midnight, a speeding vehicle hit and snapped two

power poles. The driver left the scene but police later arrested a 40-year-old man. Police had to close the street Friday so that Nova Scotia Power could make repairs.

PROSTITUTION Police were on the prowl last week and arrested two women and two men in relation to prostitution. A 47-year-old woman and a 36-year-old woman were arrested

on Agricola Street and charged with prostitution. Two men, one 19 and the other 38, were also charged. The investigation involved an undercover female officer. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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In-flight fire response improved

Swissair crash prompted several changes to safety procedures for airline industry

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A major contributor to the fire that raged on board Swissair, causing the plane to plunge at a speed of about 560 kilometres per hour into the sea, was faulty wiring.

Transportation Safety Board of Canada spent over four years investigating the crash and came up with 23 recommendations for the airline industry. Two have

been fully satisfied, several have been satisfied in part and a number are rated 'satisfactory intent.'

Those that have been fully accepted and implemented by the international aviation community since the crash involve in-flight fire-fighting.

Before September, 1998, the focus of on-board fire-fighting was on post-impact fires — those that ignite after a crash or landing.

A fire aboard an aircraft while in flight is extremely

"But at least now you've got this basic notion that if there's smoke...you get down."

Transportation Safety Board's Jonathan Seymour

rare, so the pilot and crew were not trained significantly around what to do in the case of an in-flight fire.

On Flight 111, when flight crew Captain Urs Zimmermann and First Officer Stephan Loew smelled smoke around 10:30 p.m., they grabbed a checklist and followed the steps.

It wasn't until all other options had been exhausted that the manual instructed the pilot to land the plane.

By this time it was too late and the fire was already raging out of control, shutting down operating systems.

Since Swissair, the in-

struction to land at the first signs of fire tops the list.

"Now we get much more reports of aircraft that land and the only thing that's gone wrong is somebody spilled coffee on a hot plate," said the Transportation and Safety Board's Jonathan Seymour with a chuckle.

"But at least now you've got this basic notion that if there's smoke ... you get down."

In-flight fires are very rare, he said, but if you do

get an in-flight fire "the repercussions are absolutely horrendous, as seen in Swissair."

Another change adopted by the industry after Swissair was changing the minimum recording time of Cockpit Voice Recorders (CVR) to two hours — increased from 30 minutes.

The last five and a half minutes on Swissair Flight 111 are absent from the voice recorder transcripts because the CVR tape ran out.

Town looks into Internet voting

Stewiack residents may be able to vote in this October's municipal election from the comfort of their own home.

The South Colchester town of about 1,400 is exploring the possibility of offering telephone/Internet voting. Second reading of the bylaw will occur Sept. 11.

"The hope of council is, giving everybody an opportunity to have different methods of voting we'll see a greater participation in this year's election," chief administrative officer Sheldon Dorey said. He said councillors had a presentation from Intelivote Systems Inc. of Dartmouth.

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Dingle Park Rains, high tide combine for flooding



Heavy rains overnight combined with the high tide overflowed the walls along the walkway at Dingle Park in Halifax yesterday morning. In some sections, the water eroded the gravel on the walkway.

Brother remembers Swissair crash victim

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FAMILY Everyone deals with death and tragedy differently says Miles Gerety who lost his brother when Swissair Flight 111 crash a decade ago.

Gerety prefers to remember his older brother's life and not his horrific death.

Pierce Gerety was Kofi Annan's point man in Africa for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees when he was killed in the crash after a trip home to the U.S. for a visit, Gerety said.

He was on his first vacation in years, visiting his wife and three children, when he got the call from Annan's office to go back to Africa and try to negoti-

ate with President Kabila in the Republic of Congo, to stop the war, which was then raging and turning into a regional war.

The 56-year-old was booked on a KLM flight, but missed it and ended up on Swissair Flight 111.

"He was actually happy because it was going to Geneva where he had a place," Gerety said.

The most shocking thing about Pierce's death, Gerety said, was that he spent his life as a refugee aide, in some of the most dangerous spots on the planet and lived to tell the tale.

"So for him to die on a plain old commercial air flight, was kind of ironic and crazy," he said from his office where he works as a public defence lawyer in Connecticut.

"And the sad thing for

his wife and kids was that Pierce was finally going to be out of the danger zone."

He was about to return to New York to be one of Annan's top aides.

His oldest brother's death, Gerety said, broke their mother's heart and she died a year and 11 months, to the day, after her son.

When Gerety is asked if he's angry about how his brother died he says: "No, my brother stood for a lot more than that."

Now, in 2008, Gerety's 23-year-old son Paddy, who was only 13 at the time Pierce died, is following in his uncle's footsteps.

Gerety remembers when Pierce and his wife visited them on their boat about three days before the plane crash and Pierce told Paddy: "If you want to help

people, be a doctor, don't be a lawyer."

They all laughed because everyone in the family at the time, including Pierce, was a lawyer.

"It was really some of my brother's last words," Gerety said.

Paddy, who is currently in Namibia working as an AIDS health volunteer, just completed his MCATs in South Africa and will soon be attending medical school.

"There's a guy who's going to devote his life to third world medicine and my brother's death caused that in many ways," Gerety said.

Gerety and his family will not be returning to Peggy's Cove in Nova Scotia for a memorial ceremony for the victims of Swissair Flight 111.

Charges laid after man doused in gasoline

RCMP in Valleyview, Alta., have laid several charges against a 31-year-old man after the driver of an all-terrain vehicle was doused with gasoline and threatened with being set on fire on Saturday evening. Police gave no reason for the attack.

SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Canada



Quebec toughens gun laws

Quebec's new gun control legislation, Bill 9, came into force yesterday. The legislation is dubbed Anastasia's law in memory of 18-year-old Anastasia DeSousa, who was killed during the September 2006 Dawson College shooting. The law bans the possession of firearms in schools and daycare centres, and on public and school transportation.

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Fall election coming: Dion

Canada looks to be heading for its third election in four years after Prime Minister Stephen Harper yesterday failed to persuade Liberal Party leader Stéphane Dion to keep his minority Conservative government alive.

Harper and Dion blamed each other after an unproductive 20-minute meeting at Harper's official residence, with both sides insisting the other wanted an election.

Harper, whose Conservatives won power in January 2006, has made it clear over the last few weeks that he thinks an election is the only way to fix what he sees as a dysfunctional Parliament.

Chief Harper spokesman



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Liberal leader Stéphane Dion speaks to journalists after meeting with Prime Minister Stephen Harper at 24 Sussex Drive in Ottawa yesterday. Dion, after speaking with Harper, said that there would likely be a general election

Kory Teneyck said Harper would "have to deliberate over the next few days and

make a decision in due course" on an election call. Opinion polls show the

Likely election date

• Prime Minister Stephen Harper will take a few days to decide on when to call an election after "no common ground" was reached in a meeting with the Stéphane Dion, his spokesman said.

An adviser to the prime minister, whose minority Conservative government has held power since January 2006, last week pointed to Oct. 14 as a likely election date.

most likely result of an election now would be another minority Conservative government.

Dion said he had pressed the prime minister to explain why he was breaking the spirit of the fixed date legislation.

"The reason he mentioned — that Parliament is not working — is only a charade, it's a fake," he said. "He's doing it ... because he doesn't want

Canadians to have too much time to see how ill-prepared he is to face the economy."

Asked if there was going to be an election, Dion replied: "Oh yes. We all know that ... he had decided that anyway."

Harper says the fixed date legislation — which he himself introduced — was never supposed to apply to his minority government.

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Former Grit becomes 1st Green MP

POLITICS A member of Canada's Parliament joined the Green Party on Saturday in a move that could boost the fledgling party's bid to participate in televised debates in the expected fall election.

Blair Wilson, a Vancouver-area legislator now sitting as an independent after he left the Liberal Party amid a finance investigation, will be the first Green to hold a federal legislative office in Canada or United States.

finishes

• The Greens have never won a seat in a Canadian federal election, but some of their candidates have finished ahead of opponents

"Today we make history," said Green Party leader Elizabeth May. The Greens have fielded as many candidates as the other parties in recent federal elections, but they have not been allowed in the party leaders' televised debates partly because they do not have a sitting member of Parliament.

Political observers see the Greens as a potential problem for the New Democrats, but they may also take votes from the Liberals whose Green Shift plan is similar to the Green party's plan.

REUTERS

News in brief

PLANE CRASH Three people were injured, two of them critically, after their small plane crashed in a farmer's field north of Toronto early yesterday morning. Officials gave no immediate reason for the crash and an investigation is underway by the Transportation Safety Board.

LISTERIOSIS Public health officials have raised to 12 the number of deaths involving listeriosis, the food-borne illness at the heart of a nation-wide recall of meat products. The latest death occurred in Ontario, where the number of deaths in which Listeria monocytogenes was the underlying or contributing cause is now 10.

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Ottawa labour groups march for rights

TRACEY TONG
Metro Canada



A Members of Ottawa labour unions may have had the day off yesterday, but hundreds still had work on the brain as they brought some of the city's biggest labour issues to light yesterday.

"As our city has grown so have some of the improvements," said Ottawa and District Labour Council President Sean McKenny at the Labour Day March and Picnic yesterday.

"Although we've come a long way over the years we



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Several groups took part in a Labour Day march in downtown Ottawa yesterday.

still have a long way to go." Employers can treat their workers with more dignity and respect, and

The issues

• Their transit union was there arguing for better benefits and working conditions.
• Their nurses association was advocating the slow down of privatization.

workers can become more aware of their rights in the workplace, he said.

Workplace safety is also a big issue, as there have been too many workplace injuries in the city this year, he said.

More than a dozen groups, including the Canadian Union of Postal Workers,

ACORN, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 586, Public Service Alliance of Canada, United Steelworkers, Hospitality and Service Trades Union Local 261 and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 793 participated in the event, which kicked off at city hall yesterday.

Members of the ACORN group were there to get the message out about the need for more social housing dollars. ACORN board member Sue Angus also wants more recognition for skilled immigrant workers and minimum wage to be increased to \$11 an hour.



The Thai government has banned public gatherings in Bangkok under a state of emergency declared yesterday following violent protests. Soldiers now have police powers to keep public order, and restrictions are being imposed on media reports that "undermine public security". **REUTERS**

World



Ads don't sell prescriptions

Expensive advertising of prescription drugs directly to consumers may do little to encourage sales, U.S. and Canadian researchers reported on Monday. They said that even though companies spent an estimated \$3 billion in 2005 on such ads in the United States, they did not appear to result in more prescriptions. **REUTERS**

Storm slams Louisiana

Hurricane Gustav slammed ashore on the U.S. Gulf Coast just west of New Orleans yesterday, but rebuilt levees appeared to hold floodwaters out of the city devastated by Katrina in 2005.

Gustav weakened before hitting land with 110 mph winds, easing fears it would be another Katrina, whose floodwaters burst protective levees, swamping 80 percent of New Orleans and stranding thousands of people.

Gustav's powerful storm surge pushed tons of water into the Mississippi River, Lake Pontchartrain and New Orleans canals, putting pressure on barriers that were repaired or reconstructed after failing three years ago and prompting a tense watch for signs it would happen again.

Water flowed over flood walls and spurted through cracks in the vulnerable barrier system. Six inches of water pooled in some streets near the New Orleans Industrial Canal and officials cautioned that while the levees had not been breached, they were still in danger.

But some residents emerged from boarded up homes relieved to find only broken tree branches and toppled signs. "We'll still get some nasty weather but we've dodged a big-time bullet with this one," said stockbroker Peter Labou-

Energy drops

- U.S. crude fell \$4.24 to \$111.22 a barrel yesterday evening as fears eased over damage to the Gulf's oil output.
- The region creates a quarter of U.S. oil output and 15 per cent of its natural gas.

esse, sitting on the porch of his home, which was shuttered and without power.

About 750,000 customers were without electricity and Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal said it could take more than two weeks to restore power to everyone. **REUTERS**



A television crew makes a report from the flood wall along the Industrial Canal in the Ninth Ward in New Orleans, La. yesterday. **REUTERS**

Georgians rally against Russia

CONFLICT One-fifth of the population of Georgia protested yesterday against Russian military action and the Kremlin's backing for the country's separatist regions.

Protesters waved the country's red-and-white flag and linked arms in the capital Tbilisi in a human chain that snaked through the city under cloudy skies.

Countrywide, officials said more than 1 million people took part in what authorities said was a

show of unity after Russia this month crushed a Georgian bid to retake breakaway South Ossetia from separatists.

The figure would account for more than a fifth of the Black Sea state's 4.5 million population.

"Today we can say that Georgia is not alone, because the whole world is standing beside us," President Mikheil Saakashvili told a crowd gathered in Tbilisi's Freedom Square. **REUTERS**

News in brief

HEALTH Young women in Australia who got the human papillomavirus vaccination were five to 20 times more likely to have a severe allergic reaction compared to other vaccines, researchers said yesterday. The reactions occurred in 12 subjects out of 114,000 who received the vaccine. The reactions were rare and manageable, they said.

CHINA An earthquake that hit China's southwest Saturday killed 38 people, Xinhua news agency said yesterday. The

quake hit the border between Yunnan and Sichuan provinces, injuring 467 people and forced 152,000 to flee. Over 250,000 homes were damaged.

CHINA British police charged a fourth man with terrorism offences yesterday over threats to kill Prime Minister Gordon Brown posted on a militant Islamist website. Three other men from the same town were charged last week in connection with the case, and a fifth man remains in custody. **REUTERS**

Palin's 17-year-old daughter pregnant

POLITICS The 17-year-old unmarried daughter of Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin is pregnant, Palin said Monday, in a statement released to combat online rumours that Palin faked her own pregnancy.

Bristol Palin, one of Alaska Gov. Palin's five children, is about five months pregnant, and has decided to keep the child and marry the father.

The Palins, in a statement released by the McCain campaign, said their daughter "has our unconditional love and support."

According to the rumours, Palin had faked a

Republican clash

- Riot police confronted a few hundred protestors who smashed a storefront and threw bottles at police Monday in St. Paul, Minn., where the Republican convention is taking place. The violent group broke off from a larger, peaceful anti-Republican march.

pregnancy and pretended to have given birth in April to her fifth child, a son named Trig who has Down syndrome. The rumours stated Trig was really Bristol's child, and Palin was his grandmother. **REUTERS**

India Waiting for relief



A girl holds her sister as she waits for her misplaced parents at relief camp in Jankinagar village in the Indian state of Bihar yesterday. Monsoon floods devastated the region last week. **REUTERS**

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Oil drops \$4 as weakened Gustav hits U.S. Gulf Coast

Oil plunged more than \$4 yesterday as concerns that Hurricane Gustav would cause lasting damage to the U.S. oil sector eased after the storm weakened before hitting the Louisiana coast. **REUTERS**

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Business

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Gustav less costly than Katrina

Hurricane Gustav, which came ashore southwest of New Orleans yesterday morning, is expected to trigger significant insurance claims but far less than record-setting Katrina did three years ago.

"This is a significant, cat-

astrophic event, but insurers anticipate these, and Gustav will be manageable from a financial perspective," said Robert Hartwig, president of the Insurance Information Institute, an industry-funded non-profit organization in New York. EQECAT Inc., which

helps insurers model catastrophe risk, said it estimated insurance losses from Hurricane Gustav, after it made landfall, will range from \$6 billion to \$10 billion, primarily in Louisiana.

Damage to oil platforms and wells, as well as pro-

duction outages, will range from \$1 billion to \$3 billion, Risk Management Solutions said. Offshore damage was not as extensive as originally anticipated, said the group, which provides risk models to insurers and other financial institutions. **REUTERS**

Gustav prompts free Internet

U.S. cellphone company T-Mobile has announced that it will offer free wireless Internet service to those in the areas most affected by Hurricane Gustav. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Canadian shoe industrialist Thomas Bata dead at 93

BATA Thomas Bata, the Czech-born industrialist who headed the global shoe empire bearing his family's name from the 1940s to the 1980s, has died in Toronto, aged 93, the CBC reported yesterday.

Bata, son of the privately

owned company's founder, came to Canada to expand the family business, starting production in 1940. Later that decade, the company's headquarters were moved to Toronto when the family's Czech factories were nationalized by the communists. **REUTERS**

THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

New liquor store in Quinpool: The NSLC plans to open a large new liquor store in Quinpool Centre. It is expected to be in operation by Christmas.

Charges brought against farm: Three charges under the provincial Occupational Health and Safety Act have been brought against Mark and Heather Sutherland of Belland Farms in Middle Musquodoboit. The charges stem from the 2006 death of

employee Gary Wayne Boake, 19, who was killed when the small tractor he was driving turned over into a manure lagoon on the farm.

Navigator Program launched: The four Capital District business associations have launched the Navigator Program, designed to work with the local population and, in particular, street youth to reduce panhandling.

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Book launch Conspiracy theory



Canadian journalist Declan Hill poses as he presents his book *The Fix: Soccer and Organized Crime* during a news conference in Berlin. The book presents evidence that past matches may have been rigged, even at the highest levels of competition.

Peugeot mulls new low-cost brand: Report

AUTO French carmaker PSA Peugeot Citroën is considering launching a new brand in Europe for its low-cost vehicles, business daily *La Tribune* reported yesterday without identifying its sources.

It said the group was

considering re-importing into western Europe future low-cost models made in emerging economies and was looking at a new brand to market the vehicles.

The newspaper said the group did not want to dam-

age its Peugeot or Citroën brands and was instead considering using one of the brands it owns that is already in existence, such as Talbot.

It added that the plan was still "at the stage of reflection." **REUTERS**

Turkey, Russia in trade squabble

POLITICS Turkey began curbing Russian imports yesterday as tensions over Georgia strained NATO's relations with Moscow.

The measures are in retaliation for delays Turkish exporters have suffered at Russian border crossings since NATO-member Turkey allowed two U.S. ships to transit the Bosphorus Strait to provide aid to Georgia after Moscow's military action there.

Russia, which is Turkey's largest trade partner and supplies two-thirds of its natural gas needs, has been angered by what it calls a NATO build-up in the Black Sea, accessed via the Turkish-controlled Strait. **REUTERS**

Reality TV stirs business spirit

AFGHANISTAN A reality TV show broadcast in Afghanistan, which is based on the popular *Dragons' Den* series, has encouraged Afghans to start their own enterprises, stirring entrepreneurial spirits in a country that has been ravaged by three decades of war. **REUTERS**



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WILL RETURN

In brief

WEEKEND SPENDER

According to a recent survey, on average, Newfoundlanders spend the most money on their long weekends, with 38 per cent saying they spend more than a \$1,000 on an excursion. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Investing

Allan Small

Allan Small looks at some bonds with good returns. Read this week's column at metronews.ca

Your children are back to school this week and while they'll be studying up on math equations, science problems and social studies, they probably won't be learning about financial responsibility — cash, credit and consumerism. Smart Cookies say it's never too early to start talking about money. Below are some of our favourite suggestions to get the conversation started about how to save, grow and spend our cash wisely.

Allowance and Spending Decisions

• Giving children an allowance is a great way to show and tell your children about the value of money. The general Smart Cookie rule is \$1 per year, per week. For example, if your child is six years old, then they would receive \$6 per week. When giving children allowances, it's a good idea to give them the money in denominations that encourage saving. For

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example, your six-year-old could be given six loonies per week to keep in three different piggy banks — one for long-term savings, one for special purchases and one for charitable giving.

• Children take great pride in having their own bank account; this is also a great way to encourage good saving habits.

• Give your children room to make their own spending decisions. Have conversations before a purchase to weigh out the pros and cons, but ultimately give them room to make choices.

Teaching through Example

• When using a credit card at a restaurant, take the opportunity to teach

children about how credit cards work. Dispel the myths that surround these pieces of plastic and explain to children how the card works, how to calculate the tip, and how you will pay this purchase off.

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chase off.

• Smart Cookies buy and follow stocks of companies that we are familiar with and whose products and services we use. If you want to take your financial lessons a bit further, pick a few companies your children like (toy companies, for example) and follow the stocks with your child.

• Encourage your child to take a part-time job. If he or she is too young, then perhaps your child could become a mini-entrepreneur and cut grass, shovel driveways or sell lemonade to make some extra spending money.

• Start a money

group for your family. Money groups are incredibly helpful for younger children. During this time you can have open discussions about how they are doing with their saving and talk about their goals, what they are saving for and how you can help or offer suggestions on reaching that goal sooner.

Money Basics

• Introduce the idea of saving and spending. Try to explain and demonstrate the concept of earning interest on savings and paying interest on debt.

• Talk to your children about the differences between "wants" and "needs". After children are clear about the differences they will be able to make better spending decisions.

If you have questions or comments for the Smart Cookies, please e-mail smartcookies@metronews.ca.

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NFL

The Detroit Lions have reportedly signed free agent running back Rudi Johnson to a one-year contract. The Detroit Free Press indicated yesterday that Johnson will likely replace Tatum Bell as rookie running back Kevin Smith's backup. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports



Bolts lock up Meszaros

The Tampa Bay Lightning have signed newly acquired defenceman Andrej Meszaros, left, to a six-year contract. Meszaros was acquired from the Ottawa Senators on Friday in exchange for defencemen Filip Kuba and Alexandre Picard, as well as a first-round draft pick in 2009.

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CFL's first half mind-boggling

It's been a wacky season, as favourites flounder and upsets reign

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When the CFL season kicked off, the Toronto Argonauts were favoured by oddsmakers to win the Grey Cup championship.

Two months later, as they concluded the first half of their season last night, they weren't even favoured to beat the league's perennial dregs in Hamilton.

Well, they defied the odds. The Argos did just enough to defeat the Tiger-Cats 34-31—Toronto's first victory in three games this season with its geographic rivals — and probably saved their coach's job in the process.

As reported first in this space last week, **Rich Stabler** probably would have been fired as the Argos' coach had the Ticats been able to pull off the trifecta against Toronto.

But, despite a sloppy performance that included a

botched field goal, missed tackles and the hot-dogging of a receiver (**Arland Bruce**) who insisted on placing his face in a Spider-Man mask after scoring a touchdown, the Argos did just enough to emerge triumphant.

And, with a 4-5 record, they're somehow in position to challenge the first-place Montreal Alouettes for Eastern Division supremacy in the second half.

Mind you, if the CFL's second half turns out to be as weird as the first half was, well, who knows?

I was thoroughly perplexed with the first half. I mean, you learn to expect the unexpected in the CFL if you've covered the league for nearly 30 years, but this first half was just too much. You were psychic if you knew:

- The Edmonton Eskimos would register one more victory in their first nine games this season than they did all last season, when they finished out of the playoffs with a 5-12-1 record. This team was so inept in 2007 that head coach **Danny Maciocia** could have written a book on how to single-handedly destroy a



Not many people who have predicted that the Edmonton Eskimos would be 6-3 at the halfway mark of the CFL season. The Eskis beat up provincial rivals Calgary Stampeders 37-16 yesterday.

CFL franchise. Maciocia, though, somehow evaded the firing line and his team has responded with an impressive rebound. In fact, after trouncing the Stampeders in Calgary yesterday, the Eskis look very much like the team to beat in the CFL. And Edmonton quarterback **Ricky Ray** was the league's top player in

the first half.

- The Winnipeg Blue Bombers, Eastern Division representatives in the Grey Cup last season, would be the league's worst team, with only two victories.

- The B.C. Lions would be in the Western Division cellar, and star running back **Joe Smith** would be in their doghouse.

- Montreal would be atop the East with a head coach, **Marc Trestman**, who had no CFL experience whatsoever.

Yep, it's been weird. Fasten your seatbelts for the second half.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Williams sisters set up showdown

TENNIS The Williams sisters will hold another family reunion on centre court at the U.S. Open after registering wins yesterday that set up a tiebreaking, sibling clash in the quarter-finals at Flushing Meadows.

Fourth seed **Serena** routed French wildcard **Severine** **Bremont** **Venus** 6-2, 6-2,

while seventh-seeded elder **Venus** crushed **Agnieszka** **Radwanska** of Poland 6-1, 6-3 to book the rendezvous.

The sisters are 8-8 in head-to-head matches during their career, and 5-5 against each other on the grand slam stage so this one will bring bragging rights as well as a slot in the semifinals of the year's last major championship.

"It's tough to play her because she is so good," said **Venus**, who won their last collision at this summer's Wimbledon final for their fifth singles title at the All England Club.

Rafael Nadal was one step away from his first semifinal in New York after taking his turn at shooting down one of the big-hitting young guns at the Open to ride into the quarters.

The Spaniard, the world No. 1 for the first time at a major, dodged a bevy of bullets from 20-year-old American **Sam Querrey**, before capturing a 6-2, 5-7, 7-6, 6-3 win.

In the last eight, Nadal meets unseeded American **Mardy Fish**, who beat 32nd seed **Gael Monfils** of France 7-5, 6-2, 6-2.

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Singh running away with FedEx Cup

GOLF Vijay Singh, helped by three monster birdie putts, eased to his third PGA Tour title in five weeks with a commanding five-shot victory at the Deutsche Bank Championship yesterday.

Three off the pace overnight, the Fijian world No. 5 fired a superb eight-under-par 63 in difficult, sun-drenched conditions at the TPC Boston for a 22-under total of 262.

Singh broke clear of a congested leaderboard with an outward nine of four-under 32 before tightening his grip with an astonishing putting display on a course running fast and firm.

Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., one ahead going into the final round, surrendered the outright lead with a double-bogey at the ninth and had to settle for second place after closing with a 71.



Vijay Singh was on fire with his putter, including this birdie on the 14th hole, yesterday en route to a win at the Deutsche Bank Championship in Norton, Mass.

"I feel incredible right now," a beaming Singh said after pocketing the \$1.26 million US winner's check for the second week in a row in the lucrative FedEx Cup playoff series.

"It was a tough day and I knew the greens were

going to be firm. I drove the ball beautifully and kept the ball in play, never got myself into much trouble.

Singh will now travel to St. Louis for this week's BMW Championship as the runaway FedExCup points leader.

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Florida	70	68	.507	7							
Atlanta	59	79	.428	18							
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Chicago Cubs	W	L	PCT	GB							
Milwaukee	80	57	.584	4%							
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Sports in brief

MLB Carlos Delgado hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning to lead the New York Mets to a 4-2 road win over the Milwaukee Brewers and a two-game lead in the National League East yesterday. The Mets have won 18 of their last 25 games.

SOCCER English club Manchester City acquired Brazilian forward Robinho from Real Madrid yesterday. The fee believed to be a British record 32.5 million pounds (\$62 million).

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Halifax Mooseheads forward Yuri Cheremetiev, left, will participate in the Boston Bruins' training camp later this month. The 19-year-old centre is expected to be a key player for Halifax this season, his fourth with the Mooseheads. **METRO HALIFAX**

Herd make quick cuts, bid farewell to Voracek

HOCKEY The Halifax Mooseheads' roster has shrunk to just 30 players after the long weekend, an 18-player reduction that includes the surprising departure of a top draft pick.

Alex Lemieux, drafted in the third round (40th overall) in June's draft, was one of five players to voluntarily leave the team. The Mooseheads also cut a dozen other hopefuls and said farewell to NHL-bound all-star Jakub Voracek.

Lemieux, a 15-year-old right-winger who was capable of stepping in, opted to return to his midget team, Charles-Lemoyne in Quebec, just three days after reporting to camp.

"It was too much for him all of a sudden," Mooseheads general manager Marcel Patenaude said. "He was just feeling overwhelmed and he and his family thought he would benefit the most playing another year of midget."

Andrew O'Leary, Matthew English, Nicholas Popelar and Sam Caldwell also left the team. O'Leary, a 17-year-old forward, made a strong impression in intra-squad scrimmages, but left camp to preserve his U.S. college eligibility.

The Moose cut Derek Fulton, Christopher Reiss, Nicholas Jessome, Brandon Decker, Kody Blois, Zachary Lodge, Travis Busch, Doug Burns, William Cloutier, Anthony Nobili, Kyle McGuirk and Jordan Mock. The Mooseheads are expected to further trim the roster by six players, with one 20-year-old to be dealt and five more cuts to be made. They'll need to keep several extra players on hand because of injuries and to fill holes with Logan MacMillan (Anaheim), Tomas Knotek (Minnesota) and Yuri Cheremetiev (Boston) headed to NHL camps.

Voracek leaves today to join the Columbus Blue Jackets. **METRO HALIFAX**

Greer sidelined by groin injury

HOCKEY Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Richard Greer will miss at least two weeks with a groin injury.

The 17-year-old suffered the injury prior to reporting to the Mooseheads' training camp. He appeared in 13 games as a rookie last season but will receive a bump in games and ice time once healthy. **METRO HALIFAX**

White shines in Moose victory

Over-age forward looking to earn a roster spot gets two assists

Mooseheads 5 Eagles 2

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Andrew White wore the Halifax Mooseheads' captain's letter for the first time last night and looked right at home.

The 20-year-old forward set a hard-working example, generated plenty of offence, and collected a couple of assists in helping Halifax to a 5-2 win over the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles at the Forum in QMJHL pre-season play.

White is one of three over-age players battling for two available spots, and he either made a strong bid for one of them last night or showcased himself as fine trade bait.

Defencemen Justin Pender and Graham Bona are his competition.

It's White's third year with the Mooseheads, but he's approaching it almost like it's his rookie year again.

"Obviously, that's the only way to look at it, because we don't have sure spots," White said after the game. "It's a battle for every one of us to make the team. Every one of us is working hard and whoever comes out on top deserves it."

Each team is permitted three over-agers. Goalie Mark Yetman has already secured one of Halifax's spots, and at this point, it would be a surprise if

White doesn't earn one, too.

White, who had 22 goals among 34 points in 64 games last season, lined up with fellow returnee Tomas Knotek and rookie Gerrad Grant last night. The unit was dangerous, with Knotek and Grant each finding the net with help from White.

White and Knotek are among Halifax's top returning scorers and could end up being frequent linemates this year.

"We had a bit of chemistry out there," said White. "We played together in the playoffs last year and we kind of know how to play together. We used each other well out there."

Ned O'Brien scored twice, while Matt Snow had a single. Yetman allowed two goals on 18 shots in half a game's work, while tryout Jeremie Forbes-Brisebois stopped nine of nine shots.

White spent the summer doing carpentry work with his father in his hometown of St. John's, N.L. He also helped Canada win gold at the world ball hockey championship.

"It was an amazing experience," he said. "I hadn't even heard of (the tournament) before, but all the fans came out and it was a really big deal in St. John's. I'll never forget it."

The tournament was also a perfect way to get in shape for his important training camp with the Mooseheads.



Mooseheads forward Tomas Knotek wires a first-period shot past Cape Breton Screaming Eagles goalie Christopher Holden during a pre-season game last night at the Halifax Forum.

Who's in the mix?

The following are the 30 players remaining on the Halifax Mooseheads' pre-season roster.

• Goaltenders (4) — Mark Yetman, Jeremie Forbes-Brisebois, Stefan Dumaresque, Mathieu Corbeil

• Defencemen (9) — Graham Bona, R.D. Chisholm, Richard Greer, Ben MacAskill, Alex MacDonald, Scott McDonald, Ryan Matheson, Gabriel

O'Connor, Justin Pender

• Forwards (17) — Linden Bahr, Jessyko Bernard, Charles Bety, Yuri Cheremetiev, Gabriel Desjardins, Chad Earle, Gerrad Grant, Tomas Knotek, Eric Louis-Seize, Logan MacMillan, Jeff Marchand, Ned O'Brien, Alexis Piette, Travis Randell, Davey Shea, Matthew Snow, Andrew White.

losing 3-2 in a shootout.

Halifax is back in action on Friday at the Dart-

mouth Sportsplex against the Moncton Wildcats at 7 p.m.



Ned O'Brien has opened a lot of eyes after just four days of action at Mooseheads training camp.

O'Brien surprise star at camp

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HOCKEY Ned O'Brien hasn't needed a beefy hockey resume to make a big first impression on the Halifax Mooseheads.

The 17-year-old free-agent forward, whose most notable hockey experience is a brief 13-game stint at the junior A level, has been one of the best rookies in Mooseheads' training-camp and pre-season action after four days of play.

"We got lucky," said Mooseheads general manager Marcel Patenaude, of how the team uncovered the hidden gem. "I didn't think we were going to get him here. He hadn't agreed to come (to camp) and we were waiting, hoping."

The 6-foot, 175-pound

goal-scoring forward was one of the best players in intra-squad play on the weekend. He topped that off with a two-goal pre-season outing last night at the Forum in a 5-2 win over the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles.

"I'm a goal-scorer, always have been."

Ned O'Brien

The Mooseheads had been watching O'Brien for two years at Netherwood prep school in Rothesay, N.B., but didn't realize his upside until they saw him score six goals and two assists in five playoff games in a late-season call-up to the Summerside Western Capitals in the spring. In fact, up until then, O'Brien himself was oblivious to the talent he possessed.

"I wasn't taking hockey too seriously," O'Brien said, of his approach while at Netherwood. "I didn't know I had the potential to be the hockey player I am now. I decided to go up (to Summerside) for the playoffs. I went right to the first line, led in points and hockey went great from there."

The Alberton, P.E.I., native has basically locked up a roster spot, as have fellow rookies Jessyko Bernard, Gabriel Desjardins and Gerrad Grant. In fact, O'Brien has been so strong, he's making a pitch for a spot on the top two lines.

That would suit him just fine. "I'm a goal-scorer, always have been growing up, no matter what league I played in," O'Brien said. "I couldn't be happier with my performance out there so far."

Circumcision problems impair HIV prevention

African health workers need more training and better tools to circumcise men and boys safely for HIV prevention, according to a World Health Organisation (WHO) study chronicling "shocking" rates of complications. **REUTERS**

Health

"Quitting brings people back from isolation. Absolutely."

Rosemary Munro, a Toronto addiction counsellor



Sip for a cause

Fifteen cents from every canister of Tetley Inspire Summerberry herbal tea bearing the pink ribbon (\$3.29), left, will be contributed to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

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It's eco-friendly, period

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Want to do your monthly part for a better environment?



Try a reusable menstrual cup instead of pads and tampons. Once you get over the "gross" factor, this is actually a good idea.

You simply insert the bell-shaped cup into the vagina and it collects menstrual fluid. It gets emptied regularly (about twice a day) and re-used. One cup can last up to 10 years.

Dr. David Gerber, a gynecologist and director at Meridia Gynecology in Toronto, is largely in favour of the menstrual cup. To avoid any health issues, "you have to be fastidious about emptying it," he says. He also suggests being careful to get a cup that fits properly. If it doesn't, it can cause rubbing and rawness on the cervix. A Canadian company is promoting its new soft-silicone DivaCup,

The new DivaCup is a bell-shaped cup that is inserted into the vagina to collect menstrual fluid.

which comes in two sizes.

Menstrual cups have been around for decades. An earlier version made of latex, called TheKeeper, has been available in the U.S. since 1987. But only now, with the world focused on the environment, are menstrual cups enjoying something of a rebirth. Conventional sanitary products leave a large footprint on the earth: For example, it is estimated that 12 billion sanitary pads and seven billion tampons are dropped into U.S. landfills each year.

The new DivaCup is available at natural food stores such as Whole Foods Markets.

Health in brief

EXERCISE Using the stairs at work instead of taking elevators could be a life saver.

A small Swiss study released yesterday showed that walking up and down stairs for three months, without recourse to the lift, increased levels of fitness dramatically.

In fact, the improvement in aerobic capacity was equivalent to a 15 per cent fall in the risk of dying premature-

ly from any cause.

Subjects also saw marked reduction in waist size, body fat, blood pressure and cholesterol — all of which are known risk factors for heart disease.

"This suggests that stair climbing at work may have major public health implications," Meyer told the annual meeting of the European Society of Cardiology.

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Love life up in smoke

Bad habit can be harmful to relationships too: Survey

CELIA MILNE
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Not only is smoking bad for your health, it's bad for your love life.

A survey recently conducted by Lavalife and McNeil Consumer Healthcare has found that 47 per cent of singles wouldn't consider dating a smoker. "They don't want to kiss someone with the smell of cigarettes," suggests Rosemary Munro, an addiction counsellor in Toronto, Ont.

There are many diseases linked to smoking — cancer, heart disease, stroke, emphysema, impotence, and mouth diseases. Yet for some young people, those health problems may seem too far in the future to be a threat. Perhaps a more immediate risk — loneliness on Friday night — will spur some to quit.

"They may be more apt to consider stopping for that reason than health," says Munro.

The survey asked 6,313 singles if they were likely to date someone who smokes. Single women, in particular (51 per cent) said they wouldn't want to hook up with a smoker. A slightly lower number of men (43 per cent) found smoking too much of an "ick" factor.

Smokers who are already part of a couple shouldn't assume their smoking is acceptable to their partner. They may be getting "the talk" sometime soon from their grossed-out significant other. The survey inter-



DAVID BEBBER/REUTERS

Forty-seven per cent of singles wouldn't date a smoker, a recent survey suggests.

viewed 4,694 people who are already dating a smoker. A whopping 81 per cent of them said they are likely to ask their partner to quit smoking (58 per cent of them said there are "very likely" to ask). Lavalife is an online dating service. McNeil Consumer Healthcare owns and markets Nicorette gum and lozenges and the Nicoderm patch.

Unlike several decades ago, thanks to public health messages about its dangers, smoking finally has a bad rap socially. "Smokers are really ostracized now," says Munro. "Smoking is a way of isolating oneself. They have to go outside to smoke. They shut themselves away."

Munro helps people overcome addictions such as

smoking, many of which serve to insulate people from friends and family. "Quitting brings people back from isolation. Absolutely," she says.

For some, better health may not be a good enough reason to quit smoking, but

getting a hot date is. Either way, the benefits are enormous. "If being more available and attractive is enough to motivate them to quit, isn't that great because they're going to benefit health-wise as well," concludes Munro.

An expert's tips on quitting

Giving up cigarettes is not easy, as addiction counsellor Rosemary Munro can attest to.

She quit many years ago, but was only successful on her third try. She has seen others struggle as well. "Quitting cigarettes from my experience working with addictions is very, very difficult."

Her tips for quitting:

- Spend time psychologically preparing.
- Don't try to quit suddenly.
- Exercise regularly
- Cut down on cravings, especially in the first six weeks, by using some form of nicotine replacement

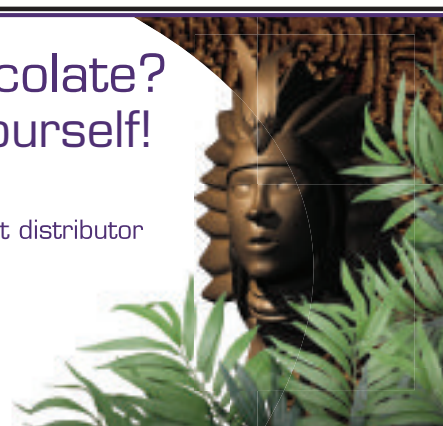
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Women who go through a traumatic event during or soon before pregnancy may be at increased risk of having an underweight baby, a large study suggests. Researchers studied more than one million Danish women who gave birth over 24 years. **REUTERS**

Experts discuss global cancer plan

DISEASE Cancer specialists set a plan on Sunday to stem the rise in deaths from cancer by 2020 and ensure that all patients suffering in the late stages of the disease can access painkillers. The road map laid down by 63 experts and policy-makers includes more screening and early detection programs, especially in poor countries where treatment can be hard to come by.

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In brief

BRAIN STUDY

Mature brains need a continuous supply of new nerve cells to sustain functions like smelling and memory, an experiment with mice in Japan has shown. While the adult brain can make new nerve cells, experts have never been sure of their roles until now.

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Conceiving a better diet

Foods that may help improve fertility

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Could the low-fat craze be stopping some women from getting pregnant? It's possible. This and other nutritional surprises are found in a new book called The Fertility Diet. Far from just another fly-by-night diet book, this book is written by two experts from Harvard University in Boston who have been studying nutrition and fertility for decades.

Drs. Jorge Chavarro and Walter Willett pored over findings from the Nurses' Health Study II — one of the longest-running studies ever of women's health factors — to find out what kind of diet best boosted fertility. There were 18,000 nurses in the study. Indeed, researchers found that whole fat dairy products protected against a common type of infertility called ovulatory infertility. The source of protein is im-



New book The Fertility Diet recommends nuts, beans, full-fat dairy products, and whole grain bread as some foods that can increase a woman's chance of conceiving.

portant too: nuts and beans appear to enhance fertility while red meat decreases it. And another surprise: intense exercise boosts fertility.

"What we learned from this study is that these simple lifestyle changes can actually reduce the risk of

experiencing infertility when it's due to ovulatory disorders, one of the most common causes of infertility," said Dr. Chavarro in an interview.

While following the nutritional guidelines in the

book won't guarantee that a woman will conceive, it does increase her chances.

Much of the advice in The Fertility Diet is similar to nutritional advice often given to prevent many diseases.

- Avoid trans fats
- Use more olive and canola oils

- Cut back on red meat
- Eat more beans and nuts
- Choose whole grain rather than white bread
- Eat or drink full-fat dairy products
- Take a multivitamin containing folic acid
- Avoid soda pop
- Stay lean and exercise regularly

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Anne Hines



c) I am old. She's going to camp.

It's just possible that I'm in denial. Denial is the fine art of being able to look reality full in the face and say, "No, no, I don't see anything at all."

Denial gets us through Calgary this past June knows that it absolutely can. Denial allows my sister, Kathryn, to say, "Vodka is made from potatoes. This martini is my vegetables for the day."

A simple test to know if you're in denial is to ask:

1) Am I happy?

This week, my 18-year-old daughter, Becky, leaves for summer camp. It's a very nice camp. Instead of tents, they have "dormitories." And their first evening campfire activity is called a "keg party."

Some of you may be thinking, "Hmm ... it sounds as if Becky is going to university." If my daughter were going to university, this would mean that a) I am old, b) she's leaving me and

Gaining a firm grip on unreality

Denial allows my sister, Kathryn, to say, "Vodka is made from potatoes. This martini is my vegetables for the day."

2) Does the world seem a lovely and supportive place?

3) Do I still believe, at 2 a.m., that the piece of Ikea furniture will go together and side A will stand up in slot B, in spite of everything I've ever heard about gravity?

If your answer to any of

these questions was, "yes" or "I think Brad Pitt's waiting until I express interest to leave Angie," chances are, you're in denial.

Some people would say that the way to cope with my daughter leaving is to talk it over with a therapist. If you ask me, the worst time to visit a therapist is when you're having problems. The first thing they want to do is drag out everything that's upsetting you in the first place.

What we need are denial therapists: trained professionals who encourage us to get a good firm grip on unreality. Something like this:

You: I'm having a problem with my mother.

Denial Therapist: Forget about it. Have a chocolate chip cookie.

You: I don't know where my life is going.

D.T.: Try cleaning out your closet. Maybe it will go away.

So, Becky is going to camp. I am not old. The Leafs will win the Stanley cup.

And it's not going to snow until December. No, February. Maybe never. I'm in denial. And life is good.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

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CSI: Peewee's Playhouse?

Paul Reubens has denied reports he will make a return to TV opposite Laurence Fishburne in the hit show CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. **IMDB.COM**

Entertainment

Sherlock's BFF

Russell Crowe is set to play Sherlock Holmes' sidekick Dr. Watson in Guy Ritchie's new film. The actor is lined up to star opposite Robert Downey Jr. as the fictional sleuth's confidante. **IMDB.COM**



The Common goes Urban

JON TATTIE
for Metro Halifax



Country went Urban in Halifax Saturday with the first concert on the Common since the Rolling Stones played in 2006.

Superstar Keith Urban brought a few of his friends to his only Canadian stop so far this year, and 30,000 fans tagged along for the show. The endless sea of Corona straw hats began arriving before noon and whiled away the sunny late-summer day with Charlie Major, Johnny Reid, Aaron Pritchett and Jimmy Rankin.

The pace picked up with Great Big Sea, who got the Common churning with Mary Mac and Lukey before handing the stage over to Gretchen Wilson. The one-time bar singer from Pochahontas, Ill., got the crowd, well, all jacked up. The sun was fading when the redneck woman handed the exuberant crowd over to Urban.

Under black skies, Urban lit up the stage with a fierce rip through of Days Go By. Perhaps a little too fierce, as the band blew



Keith Urban performed in front of 30,000 fans at the Country Rocks 2008 concert on Halifax Common on Saturday night.

out the sound system. Those of us up front were treated to a mini acoustic set before the crowd conveyed to Mr. Nicole Kidman that things were not as they should be. He shrugged and smiled while the road crew sorted things out.

Looking good in his Roots Canada T-shirt, Urban was soon plugged back in.

Silhouettes darkened the windows of apartments overlooking the Common as its lucky neighbours took in the free backyard concert.

Urban has global-scale charisma tempered with small-town charms, which he showed in a cover of Steve Miller's The Joker. Each member of his band, apart from the drummer, took centre stage to show off his stuff.

"Canada has a lot of

great song writers," Urban said during the encore, before bringing back out one of his favourites, Jimmy Rankin. The biggest country music star in the world proceeded to accompany the pride of Mabou through a sweet version of Lighthouse Heart.

Box office

Here are the estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres:

- 1 Tropic Thunder:**
\$14.3 million US
- 2 Babylon A.D.:**
\$12 million
- 3 The Dark Night:**
\$11 million
- 4 The House Bunny:**
\$10.2 million
- 5 Traitor:**
\$10 million
- 6 Death Race:**
\$8.2 million
- 7 Disaster Movie:**
\$6.9 million
- 8 Mamma Mia:**
\$5.8 million
- 9 Pineapple Express:**
\$4.5 million
- 10 Vicky Christina Barcelona:**
\$3.5 million

REUTERS



Ben Stiller stars in **Tropic Thunder**.

Dancing in the streets — in Toronto

DANCE Citizens, a spontaneous, contemporary dance project by Halifax choreographer/dancer Veronique MacKenzie, will be performing two shows at the Junction Arts Festival in Toronto this weekend.

MacKenzie will work alongside fellow Nova Scotian dancers Jacinte Armstrong, Susan Cook, Lisa Phinney and Molly Johnson.

Citizens, which premiered in Halifax in November, 2005, draws attention to the diverse role of citizens in a city environment by presenting choreographic vignettes of movement patterns, gestures and attitudes of people taking part in street life. The piece includes reactions of by-standers.

METRO HALIFAX

Madden pitching her new film project at TIFF

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Halifax filmmaker Eva Madden is hoping for a homerun at this year's Toronto International Film Festival.

The writer-director is going to the festival as part of the Pitch This! program, which sees six teams pitching a film project to a room full of industry experts.

"It is a huge thrill because it is an international arena," said Madden.

"You go to pitch ideas, and maybe there will be someone in the audience interested this idea."

During the event, the six teams — Madden is the only member on her team — have six minutes to tell

"I am kind of glad it is six minutes, because 15 minutes would be much more difficult."

Eva Madden about making her TIFF pitch

their feature film idea and convince a panel that their idea deserves to \$10,000 to assist in getting their story to the screen.

"Six minutes is not all that much time, but I am kind of glad it is six minutes, because 15 minutes would be much more difficult," said Madden.

"Most of it is in the

preparation, you need to know what points you are going to hit and when.

Madden will be there to pitch *Forever 15*. It is the story of Lucy, a seemingly normal teenager with a deadly secret — she is a vampire.

Not only does Lucy have to hide the fact she is a bloodsucker, she also has to deal with daily struggles of high school life.

Madden is not the first Halifax filmmaker to take part in the TIFF series, which is now in its ninth year.

Chaz Thorne has taken part in the program twice, pitching his films *Poor Boy's Game* and *Just Buried*. Both those films were seen in movie theatres across Canada earlier this year.

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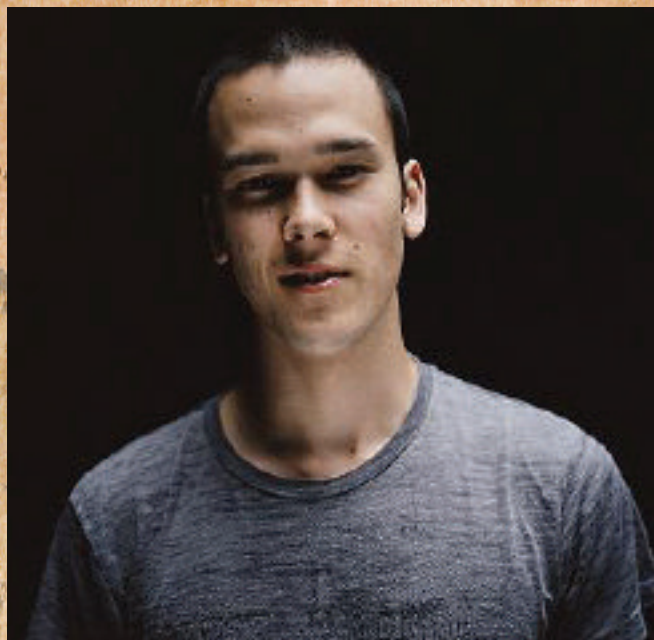
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Scrubs star quits

Actress Judy Reyes has become the latest Scrubs star to quit the hit medical comedy. **IMDB.COMS**

DVD picks

Married Life

Director: **Ira Sachs**
Rating: **PG**

MURDER and adultery are by definition passionate things, steeped as they are in hot-blooded emotion. Yet, darned if Married Life doesn't find a way to drain the fervour out of both.

Writer/director Ira Sachs manages even greater sorcery. He turns four good actors into wooden puppets. Set in 1949 New York, Cooper is Harry, a businessman who desperately wants to leave his wife, Pat (Patricia Clarkson), because she is interested in sex, not true affection. He plots her murder to spare her the pain of divorce.

Harry is in love with the much younger Kay (McAdams), a blond tootsie who has seen a Jean Harlow movie or three. Pierce Brosnan is Harry's pal Richard, whose loyalty is tested when Kay bats her eyelashes in his direction.

It's strange how a movie with this many dif-

ferent things happening could be so dull. The pacing is positively funereal.

The DVD extras offer some intrigue the movie is missing. Besides Sachs' commentary track, there are no fewer than three alternate endings, which makes Married Life a bit like playing Clue — which, come to think of it, is just like real matrimony.



The Nightmare Before Christmas Collector's Edition

Director: **Tim Burton**
Rating: **PG**

Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas was originally released during the 1993 holiday season, it looked to be anything but a cheery perennial.

Many people took this stop-motion curio to be a mockery of the occasion, with its grim focus on death and its preference for a Halloween ghoul over a happy Yule. Then there was producer Burton's fascination with German expressionism, the shadowplay that made such classics as Metropolis and Nosferatu as striking as they were intimidating. What kid

could possibly want to sit through that?

Lots of them, it turned out and many adults, too. People cottoned to the yearning and struggles of Jack Skellington, the sock-eyed skeleton of Halloween Town, a burgh devoted to the night of spooks. Jack is the town's Pumpkin King, but something tells him that there's more to life than death and he finds it: The entrance to Christmas Town, a place and concept that will change everything he knows.

This three-disc Collector's Edition (weirdly labelled two discs on the box) includes almost all of the great extras from the earlier Special Edition: Everything from deleted scenes to storyboards to two great Burton shorts that paved the way, Frankenweenie and Vincent.

The major new contribution is a revised commentary by Burton, director Henry Selick (James and the Giant Peach) and composer Danny Elfman. There's also a digital version so you can put this Nightmare on your laptop, iPod or iPhone and enjoy a frighteningly good scene with Jack and his pals at any time.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Law backs Afghan peace effort

Militants, foreign forces and the government in Afghanistan should give up their arms for one day as the first step towards peace, Hollywood superstar Jude Law said yesterday.

The twice Oscar-nominated actor went to Afghanistan to promote a new documentary for the Peace One Day organization, which campaigns for an annual global ceasefire on Sept. 21, the United Na-



Actor Jude Law

tions International Day of Peace.

"Please mark the day. The need now is greater than

ever before," Law told a news conference in Kabul.

Violence in Afghanistan has surged with more than 2,500 people, including 1,000 civilians, killed in the conflict in the first six months of this year, according to aid agencies.

Law visited Afghanistan in 2007 to film the documentary, charting the 10-year journey made by filmmaker, Jeremy Gilley, to establish a world day of peace. **REUTERS**

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Aniston heading for 30 Rock

Jennifer Aniston will guest star on an episode of 30 Rock this season, her publicist said. It will be the actress's first appearance on an NBC sitcom since Friends went off the air in 2004. PEOPLE.COM



Former Bachelor to unite couple

TV Bachelor DeAnna Pappas and her fiancé, Jesse Csincsák, are getting married next year — and in a twist befitting their reality-TV romance, former Bachelor Andy Baldwin will perform the ceremony, intouchweekly.com reports. "Andy is a certified minister," an insider explains.



Pappas

Coldplay announce new EP, album

MUSIC Coldplay has announced plans to release a new EP and album, BBC News Online reports. Front man Chris Martin said the band is planning two further releases including the full-length follow up to Viva La Vida, by the end of 2009. Coldplay is now offering a free new song, Death Will Never Conquer, on its website. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Martin

British law as television

Show focusing on the history of English law a treat this fall season

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DOWN BY LAW: The fall TV season is lumbering off the blocks, with dozens of new shows premiering in the weeks to come, alongside returning series. Keeping up will be hard, and I'll try to preview some of the more interesting shows coming out, but the truth is that the most interesting shows are on cable and specialty channels — a state of affairs that's become more and more undeniable with every year I've written about television.

While he's probably most famous for playing Baldrick on the British comedy series Blackadder, documentary TV buffs will recognize the puckish Tony Robinson from his

"Self-denigrating myths to the contrary, (Canada doesn't) lack the history, and we certainly don't suffer from a shortage of experts."

role as host of Time Team, the archaeology series that's been in production for almost fifteen years in the UK, and various spin-off shows such as The Worst Jobs In History and as narrator on the reality/documentary series Airline. He's the host of a new show, Tony's Law, premiering tonight on History Television, an intriguing four-part series that looks at the evolution of the British laws that should be of interest to Canadians inasmuch as they form the basis for our own legal system.

Robinson provides the same droll, digressive persona that gave Worst Jobs its tone, with a tad more gravitas in keeping with the subject at hand, though Robinson is fond of dressing up in bits of pe-

riod costume and reciting speeches on London street corners. At least one episode, though, is startlingly topical, given the spectre of terrorism and debates going on in this country right now, and Robinson traces the evolution of free speech, a pillar of enlightened civil society, back to Sir Thomas More and the tyranny of Henry VIII, through the Gunpowder Plot and the beheading of Charles I and the Glorious Revolution.

Robinson drolly points out that it would be 300 years between Charles' trial and execution and the next time that a British royal would be taken to court — a 2002 trial where Princess Anne paid £1000 after one of her dogs bit two children at Windsor. English history, it's hard

not to note with envy, is full to bursting with great stories.

It's also hard to believe that Canada has been largely unable to produce cheap, cheerful, informative shows like Tony's Law in quantity for the CBC and our variety of cable, specialty and educational channels. Self-denigrating myths to the contrary, we don't lack the history, and we certainly don't suffer from a shortage of experts. With the exception of Jeff "I Am Canadian" Douglas, though, it's hard to name any actor, journalist or public figure eager to moonlight as the public face of such a show, which might be the problem.

The biggest culprit, however, might be a failure of will, as our biggest public broadcaster seems altogether too eager to compete against better-funded commercial networks, and the specialty channels content themselves with importing product. Contemplating this sorry situation



Tony Robinson is best known as Baldrick on the British comedy series Blackadder.

wildly exceeds the space available in this column, however, and while I'm not saying "there ought to be a law," my enjoyment of shows such as Tony's Law is always conditioned by the knowledge that even informed Canadians will always know more about other countries, trapped as we are between pointless ambition on one hand and brute convenience on the other.

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critics' corner

A Mighty Wind
Writer-director Christopher Guest applies the humorous approach that was successful for him in "Best in Show" and "Waiting for Guffman" to this equally sly 2003 comedy about the folk-music world. A promoter's death unites three of the groups he represented, but not all of the members are eager to take part in a tribute concert. Guest stars include ex-"Spinal Tap"-mates Michael McKean and Harry Shearer, as well as Parker Posey. 9 PM on BRAVO



The Cleaner
In the new episode "House of Pain," William (Benjamin Bratt) is asked to help a promising prep-school basketball player with a multiple drug problem. The youngster's father resists his efforts, but a bigger problem is the boy himself, whose reckless behavior tells William that he may be trying to kill himself. 11 PM on A&E

How to Look Good Naked
Gok Wan is a fashion consultant and the host of this series, which starts a new season tonight. In each episode, he helps a woman unhappy with her body learn to love it — not by making radical changes via diet or surgery but by getting comfortable with the skin she's in. 11 PM on W

Celebrity photographer Annie Leibovitz, who came under fire for singer-actress Miley Cyrus' provocative Vanity Fair shoot in May, has denied claims she is more than \$715,000 US in debt. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Lindsay after Olympic star

PEOPLE Lindsay Lohan has reportedly been pleading with Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps for a date, imdb.com reports.

The actress is said to have bombarded the U.S. gold-medal winner with calls and text messages asking him to take her out.

His cool response hasn't put her off, because the more he ignores her, the harder she tries.

"At first he thought it was a joke when she got in touch. But she's since been phoning and texting constantly," a source tells Britain's Daily Mirror. "It's become a running joke in his camp. Lindsay has been trying to meet up with him. They're both going to the MTV Video Music Awards next month so they'll be sure to see each other properly then. Phelps is certainly flattered by all the attention but it's not clear how seriously he's taking it all."

According to People magazine, however, Phelps is enjoying single life. "I don't feel any different," he says, 14 Olympic medals later. "I'm just having fun with this."

Rumours had Phelps dating Nicole Johnson, a former Miss California USA runner-up. "I never said I have a girlfriend, and I never said I don't have a girlfriend," Phelps tells People. "My public and private life are separate. I keep my private life to myself."

Johnson tells reporters she and Phelps are "good friends."

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David opens up about sex

PEOPLE David Duchovny has never been one to shy away from the topic of sex in interviews over the years. People.com reports.

But the actor, who has now entered a rehabilitation centre for sex addiction, was always quick to add that his marriage to actress Téa Leoni was a pretty good reason to keep his libido in check.

"Twelve years ago, I would have been hard-

pressed to understand why I'd want to be involved sexually with one person this long," the X-Files and Californication actor told Best Life magazine earlier this year.

"Before Téa, the longest my intense sexual interest would last would be maybe two years," he said. "But the real rewards of a relationship come after you've been together a while. That's where Téa and I are lucky."

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celebrity brief

Beau didn't buy Naomi house

COUPLES Supermodel Naomi Campbell has denied reports she accepted an expensive gift from boyfriend Vladimir Doronin — a new home in Brazil, imdb.com reports.

The catwalk star also insisted she doesn't allow men to buy her presents.

"If I want to buy a house, I'll buy my own," she says. "I don't need a man for that."

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

So actor David Duchovny is in a rehab centre for sex addiction. In other news, the television series Californication, in which he plays a writer struggling with his compulsive desire to bed women, is just about to debut its second season. Coincidence?

Remember when actors simply did the talk-show circuit to hype their projects? Now, it appears that some public relations genius heard about the method acting technique and decided to apply it, in reverse, to publicize shows.

My spidey senses first tingled when wealthy manchild actor Owen Wilson allegedly attempted suicide just prior to the release of The Darjeeling Limited, in which he played a wealthy but suicidally-depressed manchild. I maintain the only thing Wilson attempted was publicity. But let's face it, the ploy wouldn't work unless the reality-TV genre, part of the ongoing dumbing-down of society at large, hadn't successfully eroded the ability of the general public to realize IT'S ONLY MAKE BELIEVE!

The debate rages. Is this just a cynical ploy to get people talking about Californication, or has Duchovny really got a problem? Only his wife, actress Téa Leoni, and perhaps a couple hundred groupies know for sure.

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James ties the knot

COUPLES James Gandolfini and fiancée Deborah Lin tied the knot Saturday in her hometown of Honolulu, Hawaii, People.com reports.

"There was a nice big kiss at the end with both hands on the cheeks" as The Sopranos star and Lin officially became husband and wife, the guest tells People.

"They looked great."

As a group of their closest friends and family looked on, Gandolfini, 46, and Lin, a former model, 40, exchanged their vows in an intimate ceremony surrounded by white lilies and rhododendrons adorning every pew held at Central Union Church.

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Ashlee responds to weighty story

PEOPLE Pregnant singer Ashlee Simpson has hit out at reports she is desperate to lose her baby weight, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

In a posting on her MySpace blog, Simpson writes: "1. My doctor says I am right on target with my weight gain. 2. Have not been to Plan-

et Blue in at least two years. 3. Love my maternity jeans ... they have stretchy tops — it is awesome!"

She adds, "My weight and my pant size are the absolute last thing I am concerned about. I am only concerned with having a healthy pregnancy and a healthy baby."

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This bloke is broke

Guy Ritchie has branded rumours he and wife Madonna are set to renew their wedding vows as "rubbish," because he spent too much money on her 50th birthday celebrations on Aug. 16. **IMDB.COM**



Take Five



Crossword down

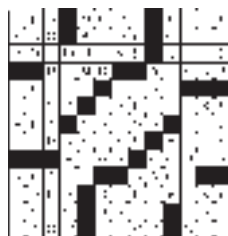
- 1 Plagiarize
- 2 Tackle the slopes
- 3 — rose
- 4 Pirate-costume feature
- 5 Small barrels
- 6 In good order
- 7 Shade source
- 8 Shoelaces go through them
- 9 City of India
- 10 Notion
- 11 Cereal container
- 16 "Days of — Lives"
- 20 Ostrich's cousin
- 21 Raced
- 22 Lotion additive
- 23 One-story houses
- 24 Highway division
- 26 Actress Ward
- 27 Chum
- 28 Tennis situation
- 29 Membership
- 31 Late-spring beetle
- 34 Response (Abbr.)
- 35 Battery terminals
- 37 See 41-Down
- 38 Basketball team
- 39 Tiny particle
- 40 "Bus Stop" playwright
- 41 With 37-Down, way back when
- 44 Raw rock
- 45 Regret
- 46 Samovar
- 47 Witticism

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Crossword across

- 1 Answer an invite
- 5 Dandling locale
- 9 Clothing protector
- 12 Tom Joad, e.g.
- 13 Slithery
- 14 Big fuss
- 15 Its participants must form a line
- 17 Fresh
- 18 A deadly sin
- 19 Within the rules
- 21 Cavalry sword
- 24 Golf legend Tony
- 25 Advertise
- 26 Burger flippers
- 30 A billion years
- 31 Casual pants
- 32 Keatsian poem
- 33 Paris airport, familiarly
- 35 Met melody
- 36 King of Siam's employee
- 37 Concerning
- 38 Untrue
- 40 Othello's foe
- 42 Judge Lance
- 43 It was beat by beatniks
- 48 Solemn promise
- 49 Incite
- 50 Modern-day money
- 51 Type squares
- 52 The Bee —
- 53 Faxed

previous day's answer



Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

People are using you as a resource person. Speak up if you're unfairly accused of malicious intent. A different financial cycle begins.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Thrills abound when somebody shares long-withheld information. Find a way to take an afternoon nap. Accusations of laziness will get around.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Don't alienate everyone you know. There's an abundance of energy in the air. Anxiety melts away after noon, so don't let it ruin your morning.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

An apparent desertion is really an attempt to be kind. Spending time on an emotional seesaw tires you. Idle chatter produces feelings of goodwill.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

A friend settles one debt by initiating another. Someone calls to give a compliment. Parental units are craving a visit.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

An attractive person's sweet smile creates a jolly ambience. Someone must be told the terrible truth. Take a walk on the wild side.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

There's lots of moving and shaking going on. You've grown tired of a nonsensical situation. The tide will turn for the better this evening.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Take special care while travelling. Personal objects are not where they should be. Sharing a secret about your dreams gets you nowhere.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Your social status will rise. Ask for crucial decisions to be made by others. You'll remember what you need once you get somewhere.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

A man is in a much better mood and will listen to you. Don't trust machinery to work properly. Watch your language and avoid temper tantrums.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

A win-win situation develops. Plan to get a complete personal makeover. Take a walk to refresh your powers of observation.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

Shun those who offer unconvincing arguments for bad conduct. Keep your eyes peeled for good stuff. Purchase new bedding and a winter coat.

Sudoku

3				6	5	7	
	5			1		4	2
6			7				9
			2			9	7
		4			1		
7	2			8			
4					5		3
	7	3		6		4	
	8	9	2				1

This day in history

SEP. 2, 1792: During what became known as the September Massacres of the French Revolution, rampaging mobs slaughter three Roman Catholic Church bishops, more than two hundred priests, and prisoners believed to be royalist sympathizers.
 SEP. 2, 1901: Vice President of the United States Theodore Roosevelt utters the famous phrase, "Speak softly and carry a big stick" at the Minnesota State Fair.
 SEP. 2, 1969: The first automatic teller machine in the United States is installed in Rockville Center, New York.
 SEP. 2, 1998: U.S. Swissair Flight 111 crashes near Peggys Cove, Nova Scotia. All 229 people on board are killed.

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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

9	8	1	3	6	4	2	5	7
4	6	5	2	1	7	8	9	3
3	2	7	8	9	5	1	6	4
5	7	8	6	2	3	9	4	1
1	3	2	4	7	9	5	8	6
6	9	4	5	8	1	3	7	2
8	5	3	7	4	2	6	1	9
7	1	6	9	3	8	4	2	5
2	4	9	1	5	6	7	3	8

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13: Genius
 13-17: Scholar
 17-21: Smart
 21-25: Not bad
 25+: Keep practising
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Halifax weather

Afternoon



40%
 Showers.
 22°

Tonight



Partly cloudy.
 14°

Wednesday



100%
 Rain.
 20° / 16°

Thursday



40%
 Showers.
 22° / 17°

Friday



Partly cloudy.
 24° / 15°

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Temperature Normals
 High: 21.1°
 Low: 12.5°

Records
 High: 29.4°/1953
 Low: 6.5°/1991

Sunrise: 6:38 a.m.
 Sunset: 7:48 p.m.
 Moonrise: 9:47 a.m.
 Moonset: 8:40 p.m.

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